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Voting in Virginia

Are you eligible to vote in Virginia?

Need to register to vote? The following information was provided by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

For more information, visit their web site www.sbe.virginia.gov or call 804-864-8901

To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (A person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes.)
- Be a U. S. Citizen
- Be 18 years old (Any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election)
- Does not claim the right to vote in any other State
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law

If convicted of a felony, your right

to vote must have been restored.

To get more information about restoration of your rights contact Micah Womack, Restoration of Rights Director Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, P.O. Box 2454 Richmond, Virginia 23218-2454 (804) 692-2531

Persons eligible to register can obtain a registration application at any of the following locations:

Local voter registration office, online, state or local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services, government offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to person with disabilities, armed forces recruitment offices, public libraries, State Board of Elections office, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, and voter registration drives.

The completed application can be filed with the local registration office or mailed to the address printed on the form. Application for registration can be submitted using a Virginia Voter Registration Application

form or a National Voter Registration Application form. Military and other persons residing outside of the United States should contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program for registration information.

*Once you have submitted your registration form, you should receive a voter registration card in the mail. If you do not receive one, contact your local Registrar's Office to make sure that your application has been processed.

Registration Deadlines

Election Types	Deadlines
Code of Virginia §§ 24.2-416	
General	29 Days before election
Primary	29 Days before election
Special	13 Days before election
Special (Called by the Governor)	7 Days before election

VOTING – YOUR RIGHT AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Is employment, health coverage, the environment, your security and education important to you? Voting is one way to let your opinions be heard and is your opportunity to choose the decision makers and tell them what you want. The November 2008 Presidential Election is just around the corner. Take the time to educate yourself about the candidates. Due to space constraints in this newsletter and the fact that the Democrat Party candidate will not be chosen until June, we have included some information about Clinton, McCain and Obama. The information is from the League of Women Voters Education Fund site and the following criteria were followed for the printed copy. *“All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five issue specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria: 1) the candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party’s nomination for President; and 2) the candidate must have met the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent*

data publicly available on the FEC Web site as of October 5, 2007.” The mission of the League of Women Voters: “The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.”

BARACK OBAMA:

Obama began his career as a community organizer on Chicago’s South Side and headed a voter registration drive. Obama practiced civil rights law and taught constitutional law. He served eight years in the State Senate before his election to the U.S. Senate. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law. **Democrat**



FOSSIL FUELS: Obama supports a bold market-based cap-and trade system to reduce dependence on foreign oil and combat climate change. Obama will also dramatically increase investment in clean energy technologies and

energy efficiency. He proposes increasing fuel efficiency standards, biofuels, electricity from renewable sources, and a low carbon fuel standard.

IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST: Obama opposed the war in Iraq from the beginning. He will end it by withdrawing our combat troops over 16 months, calling a new constitutional convention, and urging Iraq’s neighbors to work towards stability. Obama seeks a two state solution—Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security.

HEALTH COVERAGE: Obama will sign universal health legislation by the end of his first term, ensuring all Americans have high-quality, affordable coverage. His plan will save a typical American family up to \$2,500 annually; modernize our health care system to contain costs and improve quality; and promote prevention and public health.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS: Obama strongly supports public financing of elections and does not accept any campaign donations from federal lobbyists or PACs. Obama has co-sponsored legislation that would create a voluntary system to provide full public funding for candidates who agree to spending limits.

IMMIGRATION: Obama supports comprehensive immigration reform that strengthens border security; fixes our broken immigration bureaucracy; and creates a responsible path to citizenship that requires undocumented immigrants to pay a fine, learn English, follow the law, and go to the back of the line.

WEB SITE: barackobama.com

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON:

Hillary Rodham Clinton graduated from Wellesley College in 1969 and Yale Law School in 1973. She was the First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1981 and the First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001. She has represented New York in the U.S. Senate since 2000. **Democrat**



from 1990 levels by 2050; to cut foreign oil imports by two-thirds from projected levels by 2030; and to transform our carbon-based economy into an efficient green economy.

IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST: Hillary will end the war in Iraq. She will replace our troops with a new diplomatic initiative to restore stability to Iraq and the region. She will ensure that America plays a constructive and engaged role in a renewed Middle East peace process.

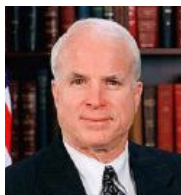
HEALTH COVERAGE: Hillary has a plan to ensure quality, affordable health care for all Americans. Under her plan, individuals will get a tax credit to help pay for premiums; insurance companies won't be able to discriminate based on pre-existing conditions; and people won't lose coverage if they switch or lose their jobs.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS: Hillary will work to move our country to a public financing system that is both fair and effective. It is the only real solution to reducing the influence of money in politics, and she will help pass and sign into law a meaningful, fair, and comprehensive public financing system.

IMMIGRATION: Hillary supports comprehensive immigration reform that includes strengthening our borders; placing stronger sanctions on employers; supporting family reunification; and providing a path to earned legalization for people who have been living in the United States respecting the law, learning English and willing to meet a high bar.

WEB SITE: hillaryclinton.com

JOHN MCCAIN: Graduating from the Naval Academy, John McCain began his service to his country as a naval aviator and spent over five years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. After serving in the House of Representatives, he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, where he currently serves. **Republican**



FOSSIL FUELS: I believe that strengthening our energy security goes hand-in-hand with addressing global climate change. I favor a market-based, cap and trade system to achieve appropriate limits on greenhouse gas emissions efficiently and effectively. Under that system, every firm will have clear rewards to diversifying our energy mix.

IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST: Two generations of Americans

have fought wars in Iraq; we cannot condemn a third to the same fate by letting that country become a failed state in which we must again intervene. Anchoring Iraq in a stable, prosperous region must be the purpose of American strategy in the Middle East.

HEALTH COVERAGE: The problem with American health care is not one of quality, but one of cost. I have proposed a health care plan that addresses the escalating cost of health care to ensure more American families can afford access to the finest health care system in the world.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS: There will always be money in politics, but I firmly believe we need to have a balance that prevents special interests from using their combined billions of dollars to buy influence in a way that undermines the ability of representatives to fairly represent the interests of all their constituents.

IMMIGRATION: If we have learned anything from the recent immigration debate, it is that Americans have lost trust that their government will take the measures necessary to secure our borders. As president, I will secure our nation's borders before addressing any of our additional pressing immigration concerns.

WEB SITE : johnmccain.com

For more information on voting and nonpartisan election information please visit the web site for the League of Women Voters, www.lwv.org or www.vote411.org .

Information can also be found on the individual candidates web sites, generally under the "issues" heading.





Information Technology & Small Businesses

Submitted by: Lisa Johnson-Wright

The success of any business lies in part in its ability to manage business critical data. Technology is the most efficient and effective way to manage your organization's information.

Investing in good technology is essential regardless of the size of your business. At a minimum, a business owner should:

Buy the right hardware

Computer hardware often consists of several components and it is difficult to understand what they all mean. It is extremely important to do your research ahead of time. If you are purchasing a computer, be sure to identify what software you will use on the computer and its specific hardware requirements. Talk with a sales representative at a place that has qualified computer salespersons like Best Buy or NTK Computers. You need to be able to tell them how you intend to use the computer over the next 3 years and ask their opinion on an appropriate hardware configuration. Write down or have them print off the specific hardware configuration they suggest, including CPU speed, Memory, and Hard Disk Space. Lastly, compare prices using the hardware configuration you obtained. Several online sites provide specials on computers like www.dell.com, www.hp.com, etc. You should also compare maintenance costs and warranties.

Once you have obtained the computer, be sure to purchase and install antivirus software and back up your data regularly.

Obtain Office Automation Software

Office Automation Software consists of software that aids in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and elementary database management. These tools allow you to create letters and documents, prepare presentations, maintain financial data, and send emails.

The most common office automation software product is Microsoft Office, which consists of Word (word processing), Excel (spreadsheet), PowerPoint (presentation), and Outlook (email/calendar/address book).

The Professional Edition also includes Access (database management). Microsoft Office is so prevalent that if you decide to use another office automation package or component, be sure you have the capability of converting your documents to one of the Microsoft Office products so that you can universally email your information or provide it to others.

Free training is available through the use of tutorials included in the software packages and some online resources like www.qcflearnfree.org and the HP learning center (<http://h30187.www3.hp.com/?mclD=hpsbso1>) Microsoft Office (<http://office.microsoft.com>) also has several tutorials and templates that are extremely useful. You should research templates online at Microsoft Office before creating any business critical documents.

Establish an Internet Presence

To establish credibility for your organization, it is important to establish a web presence. The domain name (the part of the email address that comes after the @ sign) should somehow reflect your business. This domain name will also be the address of your website. It is strongly suggested that you not use a yahoo, gmail, or juno account for business email. Your company will have more credibility if its email addresses reflect the organization's name and is not an account that is free and widely used by the public.

There are several online companies (www.godaddy.com, www.networksolutions.com, etc.) that will allow you to purchase a domain name and set up email.

You should not pay more than \$10 per year for a domain name. You will likely use the same service to host your email accounts and your website. That cost will vary depending on your website needs; however, you can get a solution for around \$50 per year. This cost does not include website development.

When creating a website make sure it has the essential information about your company:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

- Products/Services
- Hours of Operation
- Tagline or some distinctive statement
- Company logo

More Technology Thoughts:

The size and complexity of your organization may require additional technology investments. The number of employees, distinct products, and reporting needs will help you determine if you need to obtain additional software and/or hardware to manage your day-to-day business operations. If additional technology needs are necessary, you should:

Research the common solutions to your problem by talking to similar businesses, reading trade journals, or searching the internet. Talk to others who are using the prominent technology and get their feedback. Get the total technology costs. Find out if the technology is compatible with your current technology infrastructure, and the installation requirements/steps. Make sure you understand the maintenance needs and costs, and the licensing structure. Be sure to create a back up of your existing company information prior to installing any significant software.

Article Provided by Technology Resource Connections, a 501c3 non-profit organization, providing technology training and resources to individuals and small business in the Jackson Ward community. For more information contact Lisa Johnson-Wright at lisa@trcva.org or (804) 644-1412. Office is located in the A. G. Reese building at 621 N. 3rd Street.

Spring 2008 HJWA Clean-Up Day

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer

Our official Spring Clean-Up Day for Historic Jackson Ward was held on Saturday, April 19th from 8:00 am until 11:30 am, and we had a surprisingly excellent turnout. With over two times as many people showing up as signed up, we had an excellent group to clean up the streets, sidewalks and alleys. **WHAT DEDICATION!** We began the morning with Bob's homemade biscuits, coffee, and juice, giving us time to chat with neighbors and get our bodies ready for the morning's event.

Special thanks to Officer Todd Jones of the Richmond Police Department for coming to the rescue of Duval Street. Lt. Lisa Drew asked if he would once again get his crew to take care of cleaning up Duval Street. On the Thursday

before our official event, he and his crew went to work, cleaning every single nook and cranny of Duval Street. They did an absolutely beautiful job!

Thanks to Bert and Ryan, we had ample picker-uppers for all who came out, and thanks to Liza, we had plenty of bags for the job as well. Leighton was on hand throughout the event to keep things rolling from Abner Clay Park as 29 residents and friends worked for 3 ½ hours to rid our neighborhood of debris.

It was great to see so many new faces along with those who wouldn't think of missing one of our bi-annual Clean-Up Days. All were enjoying themselves so much that it hardly seemed like what we were doing was work. For those of you who missed this one, no need to fret; we

will have our next Clean-Up Day in October, and we hope to see even more new faces who want to join in the effort to keep our Jackson Ward neighborhood beautiful.



Come and Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of National Night Out

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer
National Night Out
Abner Clay Park
August 5, 2008 -6:00- 8:00 pm

This year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of "National Night Out" (NNO), a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Jackson Ward community and our City Lights partners are proud to be a part of this national event and will hold its festivities at Abner Clay Park on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The entire community is encouraged to attend. There will be plenty of food

and drinks for all with hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill. Be prepared to dance, listen to the DJ, play games and enjoy the company of your neighbors as well as local police. We have great activities planned for children of all ages.

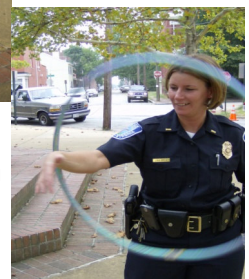
National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Historic Jackson Ward Association is proud to support this annual event, so please come out and join in the fun!



Council President Bill Pantele enjoying HJWA's 2007 National Night Out

Left – Lt. Lisa Drew HJWA's Community Policing Commander at our 2007 National Night Out.



ART - DREAMS - REALITY... THE STORY OF VISUAL ART STUDIO

Submitted by: Anne Hart Chay

Visual Art Studio is an artist run contemporary gallery and working studio representing established and emerging local, regional and national artists. Rotating exhibitions usually open with an artist talk followed by a showcase of painting, photography, works on paper, sculpture and mixed media. An anchor of the First Fridays Art Walk, Visual Art Studio features Museum quality pieces and installations regularly with emerging talent, live music, and book signings. The Gift Shop sells a fun and beautiful selection of handmade jewelry, ceramics, cards and decorative arts. Consultations with Curatorial and Design Services, Drawing and Painting Classes, Commissions, Scenic Art and Set Decorating can also be arranged with the gallery. This has been a magnificent journey that I now share with you.

FOR YEARS I kept walking out of Richmond Camera, looking across the street at the abandoned building looking back at me, it's For Sale sign prominently displayed in the window. Maybe it was calling me, taunting me... it was certainly screaming *fix me!*. But it wasn't until my realtor had shown me at least 20 buildings from 1993-1995 that I bit the bullet and asked him to let me in. It needed everything. I believed strongly that Broad Street should be the home for my art studio and business. I placed a bid but someone outbid me. By the beginning of March 1996 I registered to trade as Visual Art Studio, but the money on a major fixer upper was beyond my reach and I could bid no higher. It wasn't until later that year the owner of 208 W. Broad Street recognized my loan pre-approval and agreed to finance for two years while I sought funding through a Loan Program with Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA). Finally, my studio established after college in 1990, which, at one time, inhabited a non-profit, was moving into its own storefront!

As I continued to work full time in broadcasting, I gutted the building and prayed my financing would come through. Another year or so went by with no word from RRHA in spite of my monthly phone calls and office visits. Then one day I received a mailer from our former councilman, Tim Kaine, who was running for Mayor. I had my light bulb moment and made an appointment. One month later, armed with a copy of my loan application and my blueprints, I walked into his office, congratulated him on winning the election the day before, handed him his mailer and said "I see you're dedicated to the revitalization of downtown." As I rolled out my plans on a round table in his office I continued,

"this," I paused, "is the part of downtown I'm trying to revitalize." I gave him my application while he walked me to his huge picture window where we looked out towards my special little part of downtown. We talked then he went back to his desk, picked up the phone and made two calls. Tenacity and timing reigned and I've been growing Visual Art Studio ever since. The 1400 sq. feet of gallery and studio space has given me the opportunity to host artists of local and national esteem as well as emerging artists while continuing to paint and work in my photography studio. I've been a scenic artist creating props and painting for clients like MTV and Kings Dominion. I've worked as a set decorator on *Minority Report* starring Tom Cruise and my beloved building was even in the parade scene of HBO's *Iron Jawed Angels*. Some days when you come by you might catch me during a photo shoot or meeting with an artist but most likely you'll find me slaving away at my computer working on the next, great exhibition while entertaining my beautiful 2 ½ year old daughter. She's been a part of the studio since she was born and my 'dream' building may be my greatest work in progress, but my daughter is the best thing, with an enormous thanks to God, that's ever happened to me! Visual Art Studio is an artist run contemporary gallery and working studio representing established and emerging local, regional and national artists. Rotating exhibitions usually open with an artist talk followed by a showcase of painting, photography, works on paper, sculpture and mixed media.

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If you haven't made it by I hope you will pop in to see what's new this summer for decorating your home and garden to embellishing yourself. I pride myself on personalized service and finding the most creative and beautiful art work that won't break your bank. Visual Art Studio cordially invites you to the **Opening First Friday, June 6th from 7-10pm** of *Shellion*, New Oil Paintings by Dan Rhett, scenes cast with coastal creatures and fenced lots. In this new collection of nearly 30 unbelievably affordable paintings Rhett continues to explore interactions between shapes, colors, cafe goers, and mythic beings. He presents medium and small canvases in this offering including the seaside 'Shellion' (title image left) and sphinx treatment 'Condos'. **Klezmer, Yiddish and Gypsy Music graciously provided by My Son the Doctor.**

VISUAL ART STUDIO cont'd

Light refreshments to benefit **United States Equine Rescue League**. Free and open to the public. *Shellion* continues through August 1, 2008.

Please call or check our website for the summer calendar of events.

Visual Art Studio
208 West Broad Street Richmond VA 23220 804-644-1368
www.visualartstudio.org www.firstfridaysrichmond.com

Experience the Transformation



GALLERY HOURS: Tues - Friday, Noon - 6 P.M. Sat, Noon - 4 PM

First Fridays 7-10PM and After Hours by Appointment.


"Let Visual Art Studio transform you with the sophistication of original art."

New City Ordinance

Last November, City Council approved Ordinance 2007-230275. This allows refuse and recycling receptacles to be placed on City property or in the public right-of-way **no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before collection, and requires receptacle removal by 7 a.m. the day after.**

The City's Department of Public Works has begun issuing warnings to Richmond residents and businesses found in violation of this ordinance. Beginning May 1, fines of \$50 per day, per receptacle, may be issued until the receptacles are removed from the public right-of-way.

For questions or concerns about this new ordinance, contact the DPW customer Care Center at 3-1-1.



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Sector 413



Lt. Lisa Drew
Sector 413

Greetings! Well – I have good news and bad. We had a fantastic Month (April) for violent crime – down 45% in Sector 413 but we had a bad month for property crimes – up 30%. Thefts from cars are up again and both Commercial and Residential Burglaries were up. We put an initiative together for Jackson Ward to combat the burglaries and since it started on April 18th we haven't had any. Please consider a security survey for your business or home which can be obtained by contacting the Crime Prevention Unit at 646-6754.

Residential Burglary - Follow these quick and easy tips to make your home less vulnerable to residential burglary:

- Trim all shrubbery so that it is at least six inches below the bottom of your windows
- Trim tree limbs so that they are at least eight feet off the ground, leaving a clear field of vision
- Use outside lighting in an efficient and appropriate manner by investing in timers and motion sensors
- You may need window treatment (blinds, curtain) to prevent someone from looking inside your home at night
- All exterior doors should be equipped with deadbolt locks with a minimum one-inch throw
- Sliding glass doors should be equipped with secondary locks
- Always lock your doors and windows when leaving your house, even if you are just working in the yard or taking the dog for a quick walk
- Repair or replace all broken or inoperative windows, doors lights and locks
- If you have an automatic garage door, make sure it closes securely when you leave your home
- Make sure you perform regular maintenance on your alarm system
- Record the serial numbers of your valuables or mark them with your driver's license number so that they can be identified if stolen
- Photograph your valuables, especially your jewelry
- Get to know your neighbors; they are your best defense and can only report suspicious activity when they know who or what doesn't belong in the area
- Form a Neighborhood Watch
- Report all suspicious activity to the Richmond Police Department

**Lieutenant Lisa Drew - Richmond Police Department
4th Precinct – Sector 413 - 646-4105**

 **Summer Vacation**

Summertime Safety Tips

Summertime is a great time to be outside. It's sunny and hot, and the kids are out of school. Whether you choose to stay in the backyard or take the boat out for a ski trip, staying healthy is easy. Take some precautions to make sure your summer is as safe as it is fun.

Learn about the safety of summer before you need it:

Recognizing dehydration symptoms starts with an understanding of dehydration. Victims of dehydration do not have enough fluid (water) in their bodies to get nutrition and oxygen to the tissues of their bodies. In most cases, victims can correct dehydration by drinking water. Causes of dehydration include:

[heat exhaustion](#)

[heat stroke](#)

vomiting

diarrhea

high blood sugar

exercise

drinking alcohol

taking drugs (legal or illegal)

infection

Dehydration Symptoms

It's important to recognize dehydration symptoms early. Untreated, dehydration can develop into [shock](#). The signs and symptoms of dehydration include:

[dizziness](#)

[headache](#)

dark urine (may have a strong odor)

inability to urinate

dry mouth and nose

[weakness](#)

nausea and vomiting

Dehydration Symptoms in Children

dry mouth and tongue

no tears when crying

no wet diapers for 3 hours or more

sunken abdomen, eyes, or cheeks

high fever

listlessness or irritability

skin that does not flatten when pinched and released

Dehydration Symptoms in the Elderly

Dehydration symptoms in the elderly can be different than in younger adults and [children](#). Medications that the elderly take are much more likely to lead to dehydration in that population. One particular symptom of dehydration that is more pronounced in the elderly is poor skin elasticity. When the skin is pinched, it holds its form rather than returning to its normal shape.

Treatment for Dehydration

Dehydration occurs when the body has lost too much fluid and electrolytes (the salts potassium and sodium). Dehydration is particularly dangerous for children, who can die from it within a matter of days. Although water is extremely important in preventing dehydration, it does not contain electrolytes. To maintain electrolyte levels, you could have broth or soups, which contain sodium, and fruit juices, soft fruits, or vegetables, which contain potassium. Sports drinks, like Gatorade, can help restore electrolytes. For children, doctors often recommend a special rehydration solution that contains the nutrients they need. You can buy this solution in the grocery store without a prescription. Examples include Pedialyte, Ceralyte, and Infalyte. Untreated, dehydration may lead to shock. If a victim of dehydration has a low blood pressure or very rapid pulse, the victim may need to get intravenous fluids. [Call 911](#) for a dehydrated victim suffering from *confusion*, *dizziness*, or *weakness*.

Summertime Travel Tips

Tend to your tires. Exchange your winter tires for summer or all-season tires. Winter tires wear out quickly on dry, hot pavement; switching them early will keep them in optimum shape for next year, not to mention improve your car's handling during the summer months. Check your tire pressure — *and check it often!*

Give the rest of your car a once-over. Inspect the belts and hoses. Not sure when they were last replaced, consider having them changed, especially before setting out on a long road trip.

Inspect the wiper blades Finally, check the battery. Extreme heat and cold put additional strain on an automobile battery, particularly older ones.

Prepare an emergency kit for your car

Pack smart. Many of us are guilty of taking everything but the bathtub with us on road trips —bring only what's necessary.

Do pack a small cooler with bottled water, crackers, cereal bars, fruit, etc., to keep you and your family hydrated and hunger-free.

And don't forget a camera.

Avoid fatigue. Drowsy driving is one of the leading causes of highway accidents. Make absolutely sure you get a good night's rest before spending a long time behind the wheel. Be mindful of caffeine; a short-term coffee buzz will be followed by a lull. Switch drivers every hour or two if you can. Frequent bathroom stops actually help lower the risk of freeway fatigue.

Take the scenic route. Life really is about the journey, so have some fun on your trip. Pad your trip with extra time so that you can stop at historical landmarks, soak in the beauty of natural landmarks or enjoy a picnic.

Be nice. While the high costs of gasoline may keep some families off the road this year, you'll probably encounter quite a few fellow road-trippers anyway. But consider this: you're tired, they're tired, and highway driving (especially with little ones) can shorten our collective fuses, making road rage all too common on our interstates. *Be nice.* Use your signals. Let faster drivers pass. Don't tailgate. Be patient with trucks and vacationing families in RVs.



Look What's Happening in our Town

Check out www.hjwa.org to keep current on city events, community meetings and City news

HJWA General Membership Meetings – Open to all
533 Club Corner of 3rd and Jackson
6 pm - Always the 3rd Tuesday of the Month
June 17, July 15, Aug 19

Friday Cheers
Brown's Island
May 9—June 27
All shows are free
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Fridays @ Sunset
Kanawha Plaza
8th & Canal Street
May 30—Aug 22
www.fridaysatsunset.com

First Fridays Artwalk
Monthly Event Broad Street,
Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward
June 6, July 4, Aug. 1, Sept. 5
www.firstfridaysrichmond.com

An' All That Jazz
One Voice Chorus,
Richmond Jazz Society & Desiree Roots
The National
June 6 8pm
\$20.00
Virginia State University
June 28 8 pm
\$20.00

"It Starts in Parks" Family festival
Byrd Park
June 7

Charcoal Street
Written by local playwright,
Derome Scott Smith
African American Repertory Theatre
Directed by L. Roi Boyd III
Pine Camp June 6, 7 8pm 8th at 4pm
Pine Camp June 11, 12 7pm 13th 8
pm
\$25.00

Dogwood Dell June 19,20,21 at 7pm
free

Guys and Dolls
Empire Theatre
June 13—August 17
www.barksdalerichmond.org

Dogwood Dell
Festival of the Arts
A summer long celebration of the arts
featuring art exhibits, concerts, dance
and theatre
June 19, 20, 21—7pm
Free

Hanover Tomato Festival
Pole Green Park
8996 Pole Green Park Lane
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
July 5
9:00 am—4:00 pm

National Night Out
Abner Clay Park
August 5, 2008 -6:00- 8:00 pm

Lectures of the Greater Richmond Area Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

Did you ever want to explore, discover, uncover, or simply learn about Virginia's fascinating past?

The Greater Richmond Area Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia offers free lectures, and sometimes workshops, held every month. These are held at the Offices of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

Meetings free and open to the public. Doors are only open from 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Afternoon Art
Children's Museum of Richmond
2626 W. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Afternoon Art is offered at the Children's Museum every Thursday. (3-5 yr olds 9:30 a.m.; 6-8 yr olds 3:30 p.m.)

Learn papermaking, drawing, watercolor and more in this new 45-minute art class offered for 3-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds with an accompanying adult. Prices are \$5.00 per person for members and \$12.00 per person for non-members, which includes museum admission. Pre-registration is required. (804)474-7015.

Third Thursdays
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
200 N. Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220

Third Thursdays begins on March 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm and continues on the third Thursday of each month through November, 2008. Enjoy this dynamic gallery event featuring themed -nights with the latest in DJ dance parties, food and specialty drinks, art tasting tours and bring out your creative muse with hands-on and brain-engaged creative activities led by artist Megan Liles.
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Admission Fee: \$10.00
Children Welcome



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Jackson Ward history

1790s: Early construction in the Jackson Ward area includes the 1 1/2-story Tucker Cottage (built around 1798), notable for its gambrel roof. The cottage is named after the original owner, Joel Tucker. The structure, about 820 square feet, is significant because of its Dutch roof. Also, it serves as an example of how commoners lived in the early 19th century.

1800: Houses are built in the area for rent or sale to free blacks.

Early 1800s: Free blacks and whites, most in the building trades, build homes in what will become Jackson Ward.

1844: K Street is renamed Clay Street in honor of Henry Clay.

1869: Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church moves from Brown's Island to St. John and Duval streets.

1871: A sixth ward, Jackson Ward, is created from parts of the city's five existing wards. The boundaries effectively contain black political power in one area. Jackson Ward runs across the northern part of the city.

1884: The Richmond Planet newspaper, forerunner of the Richmond Afro-American, is founded by John Mitchell Jr., who serves as editor. Mitchell, an anti-lynching crusader, went on to organize a boycott of the city's segregated streetcar system in 1904 and served for many years on the Richmond City Council.

1893: The Southern Aid Society of Virginia, the nation's first black-owned insurance company, is established.

1902: Jim Crow laws segregate blacks and whites, spurring the development of a self-sustaining black economy on Second Street, known locally as "Two Street." Jackson Ward becomes known as "The Harlem of the South" and America's "Black Wall Street."

1903: Maggie L. Walker, the nation's first black female bank president, creates St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, the forerunner of today's Consolidated Bank & Trust Co.

1920: Ninety-three percent of Richmond's blacks live in Jackson Ward.

1950s: Many buildings are demolished with the construction of Interstate 95. About 1,000 families are displaced, many of whom are later moved into public housing projects. As a bulldozer is poised to destroy it, the Tucker Cottage is rescued and moved to a site in Goochland County.

1968: The 1,050-seat Hippodrome Theater, rebuilt after a 1945 fire, closes.

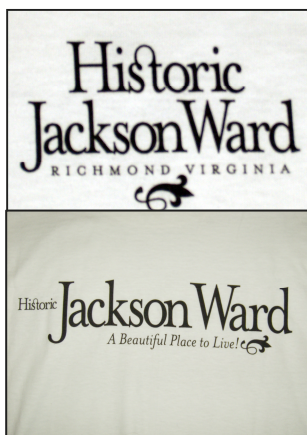
1970s: The neighborhood is further undermined with the construction of the Richmond Coliseum and expansion at what is now VCU Medical Center.

1987: Jackson Ward's designation as a historic district is approved. It covers about 60 acres. The designation recognizes the neighborhood's role in black cultural and economic history and its architectural treasures.

2000: The Tucker Cottage is moved to a temporary location in the 700 block of North Second Street and moved again to Chamberlayne Parkway in 2004.

2001: Jackson Ward is listed among America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

2008 : Hope for the Hippodrome - The landmark Hippodrome Theater in Richmond's Jackson Ward neighborhood could be turned into a blues club similar to venues named after guitarist B.B. King



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Community Assisted Public Safety (CAPS)

Report blighted property. The CAPS form is downloadable at www.hjwa.org (804) 646-CAPS (2277)

Domestic Violence

If an emergency situation exists call the police at 911. The police non-emergency number is (804) 646-5100. To contact the [YWCA](#) Women's Advocacy Program, call (804) 643-0888. The [National Domestic Violence](#) Hotline is 1-800-SAFE (7233)

Drainage

Contact the Department of Public Works for drainage problems on public property (ditches, streets, roadsides) at (804) 646-0999

Employment/City of Richmond

The Job Information Hot Line is (804)646-5900 and is updated weekly. Applications are available online.

Fire & Emergency Services

Department of Fire and Emergency Services is located at 550 E. Marshall St., Suite 202, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The department responds to fires, river rescues, hazardous waste spills and other emergencies. (804) 646-6663

Garbage Collection (City Property)

The Department of Public Works will remove all junk, trash, or debris on City-owned property. (804) 646-0999 to make a removal request.

Mayor's Office

900 E. Broad St., Room 201, Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 646.7970

Police Department

Richmond Police Department is located at 200 West Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220. (804) 646-0400 Non-emergency (804) 646-5100

Pest Control

To help control mosquitoes, rodents, and other pests, contact the Department of Public Health Department, Environmental Control, at (804) 646-3120

Public Utilities

Customer service representatives are available to answer

questions from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (804) 644-3000

Real Estate Services

The City's Real Estate Services Office is located in Room 1105, City Hall. The department is responsible for the buying, selling and leasing of all property owned or acquired by the City of Richmond. The Office is also responsible for the sale of tax delinquent property. (804) 646-4350

Senior Citizens Self-Defense Class

Senior citizens Self-Defense classes offer seniors information about how they can protect themselves. Topics include self-defense techniques, home security, and communicating emergencies to police. Sessions are composed of one three-hour class each week for 13 weeks. Contact the Police Training Academy at (804) 646-6117.

Voter Registration

Room 105—City Hall - (804) 646-5950
VoterRegistration@richmondgov.com

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